

**February 15, 2026 8:00/9:30/10:45am**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

### **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

*It is a long-standing custom in the Church that the word "Alleluia" is not used from Ash Wednesday until the first celebration of Easter. It is, therefore, appropriate to say farewell to this word of celebration at the end of the Epiphany season. Join us this morning in singing joyful Alleluias one last time before Easter:*

### **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

*You will be singing a lot of Alleluias today. Encourage your child to listen for them and to sing along! They could circle the Alleluias in the bulletin or count them as we speak and sing them.*

### **WELCOME**

### **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN                    “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”                    LSB 816**

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator’s praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung  
Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, in the transfiguration of Your Son You gave us a glimpse of His glory and majesty. We pray that You would transform us, and empower us to serve You in word and deed, so that the light of Jesus Christ may shine through our lives to bring honor and majesty to You, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM    "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"    B. Wayne Bisbee**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Exodus 24:8-18**

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## "Exalt the Lord"

David von Kampen

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain.

For the Lord our God is holy. (*Psalm 99:9*)

## EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and follow God's Word, as it is read in the midst of the congregation*

## GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

## "Festival Alleluia"

R. Jeffrey

*The choir will sing the refrain, then everyone is invited to sing the refrain.*

### Refrain



Al - le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al - le-lu - ia!



Al - le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al - le-lu - ia!

Choir: *This is My beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased!* **Refrain**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please join in singing the "Festival Alleluia" refrain as we follow God's Word back to the Altar.*

**Refrain:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00/10:45)**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## **“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”**

**LSB 415**

*Choir will sing verse 1.*

*Jesus on the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
Join the saints and angels praising.  
Alleluia!*

Trembling at His feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting:  
Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came:  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder,  
Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets sing before Him,  
First and Last and only One.  
All creation shall adore Him!  
Alleluia!

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## **SERMON**

## **“A Glimpse of Glory”**

**Pastor Snow**

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

For the glory of Christ to be revealed to the world, and that we may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to show His glory in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the grace to celebrate the revelation of Christ's glory, and for the courage to follow His journey to the cross, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God, that it may be faithful in its proclamation of the Gospel, and that it may have courage to speak God's Law and Gospel in the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer from illness, troubled minds or spirits, loneliness or doubts... that God would supply the needs of all who call on Him, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We glorify you, O God, through our lives and the gifts we now bring you. May they be used to reveal Your glory in ways which proclaim Jesus as Your beloved Son, and in ways which show that we have indeed listened to Him. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**Amen.**

## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

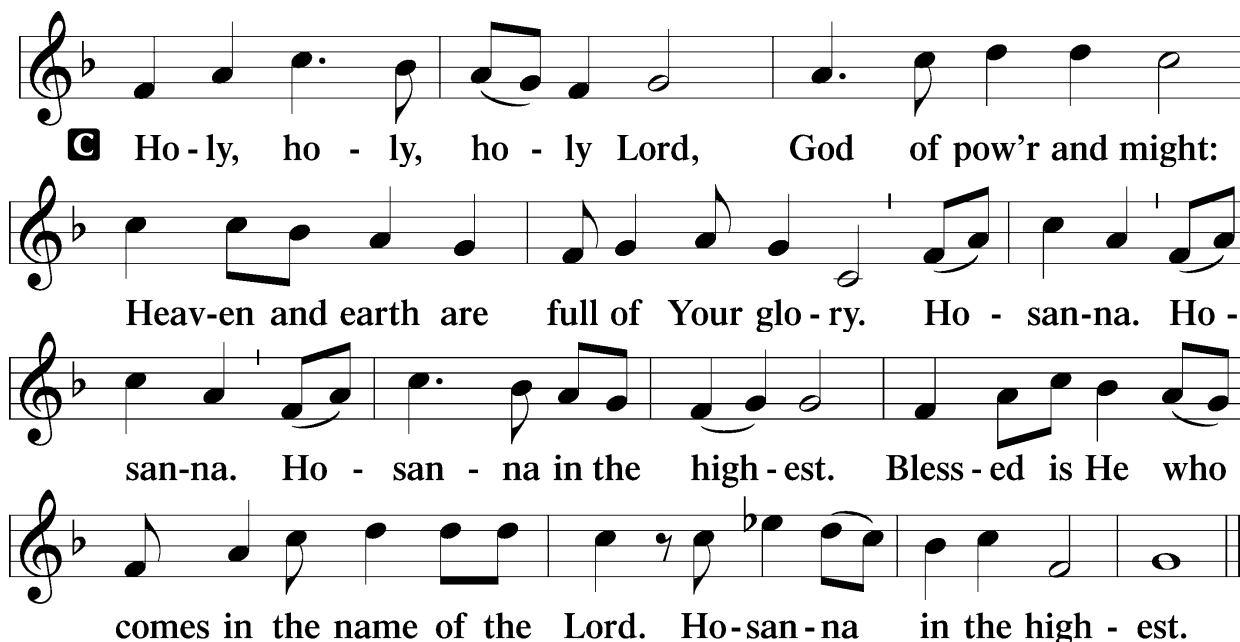
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We give You thanks that You have gloriously revealed Jesus to the world as Your beloved Son in whom You are well pleased. As we approach the Lamb's high feast today, we rejoice that under these humble forms of bread and wine we behold the very body and blood of the risen Lord Jesus. To You, to Him, and to the Holy Spirit be all glory, honor, and praise, both now and ever, world without end.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying. "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**

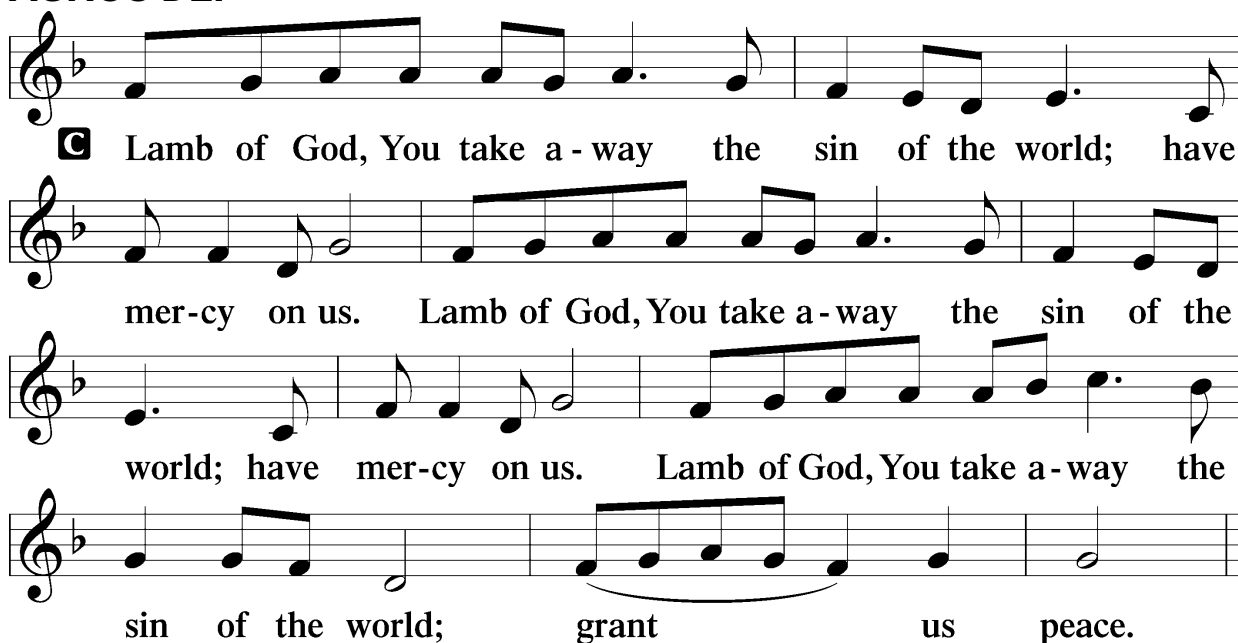
**LSB 163**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



**☐** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

- **Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion.**
- **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**
- **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**
- **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**

## DISTRIBUTION

**HYMN****"Beautiful Savior"****LSB 537**

Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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**HYMN****"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"****LSB 411**

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**

***Refrain***

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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**HYMN**                      **“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”**                      **(Tune: LSB 910)**

Jesus, take us to the mountain,  
Where, with Peter, James, and John,  
We are dazzled by Your glory,  
Light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night  
By the vision of that sight.

What do You want us to see there,  
That Your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there  
Fills us with the selfsame awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours You go  
Matched to meet our deadliest Foe.

What do You want us to hear there,  
That Your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the Voice from heaven  
Says of the Incarnate Word:  
“Listen, listen, everyone,  
This is My beloved Son!”

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Take us to that other mountain  
Where we see You glorified,  
Where You shouted “It is finished!”  
Where for all the world You died.  
Hear the stunned centurion:  
“Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld Your glory,  
Risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story,  
All that we have seen and heard;  
Say with Peter, James, and John:  
“You are God’s beloved Son!”

**HYMN**                      **“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”**                      **LSB 414**

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.

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Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

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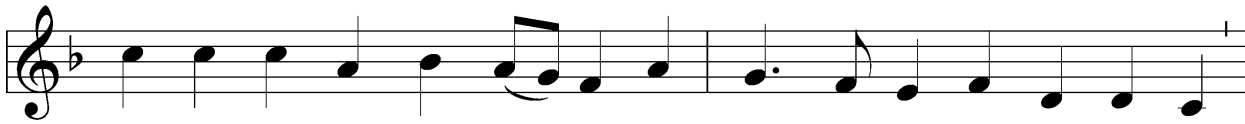
### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT



 Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## BENEDICTION

### FAREWELL ALLELUIA

*This day marks the end of the Epiphany season for us. On Ash Wednesday, the 1st day of the season of Lent, the Church begins the annual penitential journey to the Cross of Jesus. The season of Lent is a time of reflection, meditation, repentance, and prayer. Traditionally, Christians refrain from singing our most jubilant hymns during Lent, and also refrain from saying or singing "alleluia" (which means, "Praise the Lord.") in worship. At the end of today's service, therefore, we will bid farewell to alleluia, symbolically preparing ourselves for the more introspective days of Lent. In Christ, farewells are never forever. The alleluia will return on Easter dawn!*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

## **“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”**

**LSB 417, vv. 1, 3-4**

Alleluia, song of gladness,  
Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem  
Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding  
Thus they sing eternally.

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,  
Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter  
With Thy faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee forever singing  
Alleluia joyfully.

Alleluia cannot always  
Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions  
Make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming  
When our tears for sin must flow.

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## **SENDING**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN’S TODAY!**  
If this is your first time at St. John’s, we invite you to fill out  
a **CONNECTCard** located at the Welcome Desk or by using  
the QR code. We look forward to **CONNECT-ing** with you.



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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Barry

Pianist: Kristin Johnson

Choir: Women's Choir, directed by Dr. Katie Rolf

Brass: Lynnae Degler, Seth Vang, Logan Dartt, Sawyer Dolan, Caden Gilmore

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Acolytes: 8:00 Evan Sutherland/10:45 Jack Griep

Communion Assistants: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Chris Mundahl, Marcus Simpson

9:30 Paul Dolan, Randy Sefkar, Bruce Wolf

10:45 Lyle Hilk, Brian Honebrink, Nathan Messer

Elders: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Pete Siedelman/10:45 Michael Johnshoy

Usher Team: 8:00 Mark Asmus/9:30 Mark Young/10:45 Brad Willmsen

Welcome Team: 8:00 Leanon Family/9:30 Mike and Elizabeth Bennes

10:45 Aliyah Messer, Wendy Schlueter

Tech Crew: Zach Brooks, Hunter Krueger/9:30 Martin Sihombing

10:45 Bennett McGlothlin

Coffee Hour: 9:00 Hennen Family

<b>UPCOMING WEEK</b>	
Sunday, February 15	Youth Night 6:00pm
Monday, February 16	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 17	Executive Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 18	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Ash Wednesday Worship 4:15/6:30pm
	Women's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thursday, February 19	Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
	Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm
Friday, February 20	AA 6:30pm
Saturday, February 21	Bible and Bacon Men's Bible Study 6:30pm
Sunday, February 22	Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Education Hour 9:30am

## **In Sympathy**

The family of Val Schlefsky, upon her passing.

## **Prayers for Healing and Strength**

Nancy Van Sloun  
Lowell Lenz  
Shelley Bartizal  
Mary Swanson

Pastor Al Holthus  
Tracy Koepsell  
JoAnn Schesso

Patti Oelfke  
Allan Panning  
Janet Macenthun  
Jolene Berg

## **Ongoing Prayers**

Carol Affeldt  
John Barney  
Merlin Bentz  
Jack Boman  
Jimann Campbell  
Julie Carver  
Marguerite Craighead  
Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss  
Sid & Merna Fjelstad  
Dennis Gaarder  
Ruth Harms  
Eugene Henke  
Carol Jones  
Len Kallsen

Tim & Gretchen Laubach  
Marilyn Lenzen  
Melinda Meuwissen  
Steve Pond  
Austin Rannow  
Val Schlefsky  
Cliff Waller  
Ruth Ziegler

## **Celebrating Anniversaries**

2/16 Christopher and Kristina Knudsen  
2/19 Steven and Jenna Colehour  
2/19 Gary and Patti Werning

## **Expectant Moms**

Izzy King  
Brenda Simpson

Nicole Stockey

Brittany Thormodson  
Kourtney Vipond

## **Celebrating Birthdays**

2/15  
Jen Angell  
Dan Klien  
Jonica Marshall  
Orman Rodningen  
Candie Sather  
August Swanson  
2/16  
Mason Krueger

2/16  
Kendra Stewart  
Katelynnd Voight  
2/17  
Troy Bachmann  
2/18  
Darlene Peterson  
2/19  
Mark Young

2/20  
Ava Hagen  
Evey Kloos  
Abby Shanahan  
2/21  
Lynn Loomis  
Linda Peters  
Dallas Schmidt  
Gary Werning

# Season of Lent

## **Ash Wednesday**

February 18

*Worship with Communion*

*4:15pm & 6:30pm (Livestreamed)*

## **Sundays of Lent**

February 22, March 1, 8, 15 & 22

*8:00am, 9:30am, & 10:45am*

## **Lenten Midweek Worship**

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25

*4:15pm & 6:30pm*

*No Lenten meals due to ongoing construction.*